

Recycled PomPoms with Camilla Brendon

Get creative with artist Camilla Brendon and make plastic pompoms reusing materials to decorate your home.

Suitable for all ages, young children will need an adult to work with.

You will need:

- Cardboard from a cereal box or similar
- String or thread
- Thin plastic e.g. plastic bags or film from food packaging
- Scissors
- A pen or pencil
- A large round container to draw around, like a spice pot with a 5cm diameter
- A small round container, like a lip balm to draw around
- *If you have a compass, you can use this instead of the containers*



1. **Draw** two of the larger circles on the cardboard and cut out.
2. **Draw smaller circles** in the centre of the larger pair and cut them out along with a pizza-slice shape so that the circles now look like a C shape.
3. **Get a plastic carrier bag** or plastic delivery bag. Cut both ends off so that you are left with a plastic tube.
4. **Start cutting round and round** the plastic bag to create a continuous string of plastic yarn about 0.5cm thick is fine.
5. Now **put the two card circles together** so that the pizza shape gaps line up and begin to wrap the plastic yarn round and round until it is as thick as you desire (*the more you wrap, the fuller your pompom will be*) tuck the end of the plastic under and cut.
6. Carefully **cut along** the outside (large) edge of the plastic and make sure that the scissors are between the two pieces of card. Be careful and keep pressing the plastic firmly together with your fingers, as tightly as you can.



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7. Take some thread or string and **tie the plastic yarn together** from between the two cardboard cut-outs. Do this several times. Then cut the string and remove the card.
8. Now you can **adjust the plastic yarn** so that they fluff out and take on a round pompom like shape. Enjoy!



Take it further:

Why not try various sizes and colours then tie them on long plastic yarn strings to decorate your home for a party? You can also make the pompoms into quick broaches using safety pins.

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